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## **Certain Energy Star Merchandise Exempt From State Sales Tax October 6-9**

ATLANTA— Georgia shoppers will have the opportunity to purchase certain Energy Star merchandise free of the four-percent state sales tax during the period that begins at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, October 6 and continues until midnight Sunday, October 9. This exemption does not apply to any local sales and use taxes imposed.

The four-percent exemption applies to Energy Star qualified dishwashers, clothes washers, air conditioners, ceiling fans, fluorescent light bulbs, dehumidifiers, programmable thermostats, and refrigerators. The purchase of any exempted item can not exceed \$1,500. If the purchase price of an exempted item exceeds \$1,500, the entire purchase price of the item is taxable.

The sales tax exemption is intended only for individuals and their personal use. It does not apply to purchases made for resale, purchases by businesses, items leased or rented.

The state sales tax exemption was authorized in House Bill 559, which was passed during the last session of the Georgia legislature and signed by Governor Perdue.

Additional information is available at any of the Department of Revenue's regional offices or on the Internet at the Department's web site [www.dor.ga.gov](http://www.dor.ga.gov). Individuals can also get information by calling 404-417-6601 or contacting the Department of Revenue via e-mail at [salestaxholiday@gatax.org](mailto:salestaxholiday@gatax.org).

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